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SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

August, 1947

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	Population census taken. "Diamond Jubilee Trail Riders" follow Howard Eaton trail on ten-day horseback trip. Region Two Office moved to new location. Stenc-Typist exam held by Local Civil Service Board.	2
INSPECTIONS:	Simby, PHA, Cheyenne, Cowan, Mattoson and Williams, PHA, Denver in. Bauer, Geologist, Chicago; Sec'y Krug; Prewitt, Economist, Washington, all NPS, in. Cowan, ICC; Lindauer and Miller, Chicago; and Associate Director Demaray and wife in. Baggley, Sup't, Boulder Dam; Luce, Sup't, Custer BBM; Vint, Chief of Development, Chicago; McMillen, FSI, Denver; Jenkins, Concessions Advisory Group, in. Watts, Forest Service, Washington, and Nanson, Tobbe, Van Meter and Urquhart in.	2
PLANS, MAPS AND SURVEYS	McLaughlin, Inc., awarded contract for Section C of Moran-Yellowstone Approach Road.	2
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	Population assess taken. "Diamond Dollies Fresh Widers" follow Secretary Krug on two-day Northwest trip. Region Two Office moved to new location. Ebbco-Lyplex exam held by Local Civil Service Board.	2
INSPECTIONS:	Kirby, Pfa, Chapman, Tomas, Wetlesen and Williams, Pfa, Denver in. Sauer, Geologist, Chicago; Sec'y Krug; Prowitt, Economist, Washington, all RPM, in. Owens, IOC; Lindauer and Miller, Chicago and Associate Director Demarey and wife in. Begley, Sup't, Boulder Dam Lake, Sup't, Center HEM; Vlak, Chief of Development, Chicago; Hamilton, PAI, Denver Lambie, Commission Advisory Group, in. Watts, Forest Service, Washington, and Kamen, Ebbco, Van Meter and Urquhart in.	3
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	Reprocessing on East Entrance road and Gallatin road. Red Lodge-Cooke road repairs being made.	4
CONCESSIONERS:	Mammoth Swimming Pool closed due to polio scare.	4
INTERPRETIVE SERVICE:	Portable public address system useful for geyser talks at Old Faithful, Riverside and Daisy.	4
MUSEUM ACTIVITIES:	Indian beadwork specimen received and turned over to Custer SNM. Indian scraper found on Mt. Washburn.	5
RESEARCH:	Moose research continued. Smalley, U of Chicago and Stanley, U of Michigan, conducted research work. Geyser eruptions in Geyser Basins continue to be of great interest and provide unusual thermal shows.	5
TRAVEL:	90,399 vehicles in with 307,956 visitors during August.	6
VISITORS:	Senators Hill, Dworshak and Taylor; Congressmen Kirwan, Allen, Fletcher, LePevre, Crawford, Curtis, Sanborn, Russell and Phillips in during month.	6
	Rockefeller and family in. McKelway, Editor, Washington Evening Star; Doschler, Parliamentarian, NR, Washington; Brig. Gen. Young; Prof. Bemis, Yale; Tryde, Denmark correspondent; and Armstrong, Washington correspondent, St. Louis Globe Democrat, in. Governor Maw, Utah, in. Dale Carnegie, Dr. Adolfo Dorfman of Argentina, Dr. Hazzard, Noel Stuart, Military Attache, Union of South Africa in.	6
WILDLIFE:	Plans made to live-trap antelope this winter. Bears very numerous, causing traffic jams. 32 visitors reported injured by bears, with 6 property damages reported. Grizzly sent to Highland Park Zoo, Pittsburgh.	7
	Minimum elk reduction set at 300. Absaroka Conservation Committee fall meeting date set. Trumpeter swan census conducted.	8
ACCIDENTS:	64 motor vehicle accidents reported. Kleine, Altoona, Penna., Baldwin, Lawton, Okla., Monihan, Moose, Wyoming, Gotwals, Los Angeles, drowned. Avery, Powell, Shaw, Cody, and Metzler, age 12, drowned in Yellowstone Lake.	9

MAINTENANCE: Heavy-hauling traffic caused serious damage to road surfaces. Heavy patching required on two sections of road. 5

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CONSTRUCTION: Mammoth smelting fuel closed due to public menace. 4

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VISITORS: Senators Hill, Jenkins and Taylor; Congressmen Sisson, Allen, Fletcher, Lefevre, Crawford, Curtis, Hancock, Russell and Phillips in during month. 6

Rockefeller and family in. Mahaney, Wilson, Washington Evening Star; Washington, Intelligencer, Washington, NY, Washington; Ariz. Sun; Young, Prof. Emile, Yale; Tryde, Jeanette correspondent, and Lunstrong, Washington correspondent, Mr. Louis Globe Democrat, in. Governor Ben, Utah, in. Dale Carnegie, Dr. Adolfo Dorfman of Argentina, Dr. Hazard, Naval Court, Military Attache, Union of South Africa in. 6

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PERSONNEL:	Brodrick transferred to Petrified Forest. Johnson transferred to War Department, Great Falls, Montana.	9
MISCELLANEOUS:	Son born to Temp. Ranger and Mrs. Brimhall; daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson; daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn R. Kitchen; son to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Tison; daughter to Mr. and Mrs. John W. Galle; son to Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey L. Haines.	9
	Theodore Birkland died at Billings. Chapman died of heart attack at Mammoth Hospital. Michael Busuer of Jersey City, New Jersey, died of heart attack. Arthur W. Burney, Ass't. Chief of Development, Chicago, died in Chicago.	10
	Henrietta Ross, hitch-hiker, died.	10
	Dinner at Gardiner in honor of Hugh Crossen, winner of the Grand American Trap Shooting contest held in Vandalia, Ohio.	10

PROMOTED: Brodrick transferred to Topsfield Forest. Johnson transferred to Her Department, Greek Falls, Montana.

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Everlyn Dunn, Alson-Hilter, died.

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September 5, 1947

MEMORANDUM for the Director.

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of August, 1947.

Weather conditions. Below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation was recorded at Lakeside during the month of August. Total precipitation for the month was 4.31 inches as compared with 3.47 inches in August 1946, 0.61 inches in 1945 and 0.40 inches in 1944. The maximum temperature of 92 degrees was recorded on the 7th and a minimum of 31 on the 26th. Skies were clear, 17 partly cloudy and 4 cloudy. The prevailing wind direction was from the southwest. Several dry thunderstorms occurred during the last two weeks of the month.

Special activities. Superintendent Lagen went to Jackson Hole on August 3 to confer with Superintendent Kittredge of Grand Teton National Park. On August 5, Mr. Lagen and Assistant to the Superintendent Jaffe went to Jackson Lake to pick up Secretary Krug and his family and bring them into the park via the East Gate. Superintendent Lagen and Park Naturalist Dayton accompanied Secretary Krug to Billings on August 12 and then returned the following morning. On August 21, Superintendent Lagen went to Grand Teton National Park with Assistant Director Demaray. He returned the following day.

Assistant Superintendent Osborne went to Billings on August 20 to attend a meeting of the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Dam on August 21. He returned on August 31.

On August 19 a group of outdoor editors of leading newspapers, sponsored by the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association, was brought into the park for several days' stay. They entered the Northeast Gate and left via the West Gate.

Secretary of the Interior Krug presented a award of merit and a check of $1,000.00 to Engineer Aubrey L. Nelson, on August 11, at the Seventh Annual for a suggestion which he had submitted on a coordinate measurer, which is an instrument designed for a simple and time-saving method of obtaining a rough sketch and computation of acreage of an irregular tract of land within the limits of accuracy required where distances are measured by pacing. A number of park service and conservation officials witnessed the presentation.

A population census was taken in the Park on August 9, 10, and 11, which revealed 3,[illegible] employees in the Park as against [illegible] in 1941, [illegible] guests as against 9,[illegible], and a total of 14,[illegible] employees and guests as against 14,[illegible].

A two-day Yellowstone trip commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Park, sponsored by the Livingston Chamber of Commerce, known as the "Elkhorn Golden Trail Riders" started from Gardiner on August 17 on Bailey's Mount Blue trail. The trip was completed on August 20. Robert Hardy, a former Yellowstone ranger, was the guide for the party.

The Region Two office was moved on August 25 from [illegible] building to 307 Federal Office Building, in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Local Civil Service Board held an examination on August 27 for Stenographer-Typist, at which were nine contestants. Messrs. Haffe and [illegible] conducted the examination.

In-Service Training. Protection Division personnel received 1[illegible] man hours of training during August making a total of 5,9[illegible] man hours for [illegible] to date. Motion pictures were utilized for following training on forest fire control and methods of training. The publication, Yellowstone Weekly News, designed to keep employees more adequately informed has served a very useful purpose and has been enthusiastically received by them.

Inspections. J. M. Kirby of the Public Roads Administration, Denver, in the South Gate August 1; and on August 7, [illegible], Vice Engineer from Denver entered the Park. H. T. Mattson, District Engineer, Ft. Lewis, and Mr. Williams, in August 13.

Dr. C. Max Bauer, Geologist, National Park Service, Chicago, in South August 7. Secretary of the Interior Julius A. Krug in West August 4, and departed August 11 via North Gate. Ray A. Prouhet, Personnel, National Park Service, Washington, in West August 14. On August 11 Leland [illegible], Interstate Commerce Commission, Billings, Mon. On August 13 Willard [illegible], Region Two Engineer and Paul Hal. [illegible], Highway Engineer, [illegible], Chicago, in Northwest. Associate Director A. [illegible] Demary and Mrs. Demary in North August 15, left for Glacier National Park August 23.

George Beasley, Superintendent, Boulder Dam Recreational Area, and former Yellowstone Chief Ranger, in South August 20. Reginald [illegible] Hunt, Custer Battlefield National Monument, in August 20. Van Dyke, Chief of Development, Chicago, in North with his son Bob, August 20. [illegible], Public Works Office, in August 25. Oliver Fenton, a member of the Secretary's Concessions Advisory Group, in August 25; out August 27.

Lyle F. Watts, Chief Forester, U. S. Forest Service, Washington, D. C., with [illegible], Regional Forester, Missoula, Charles [illegible], Director, Rocky Mountain Range and Experiment Station, Missoula, [illegible], Assistant Regional Forester, Missoula, and [illegible], Supervisor, Gallatin National Forest, in August 27.

Plans, Maps and Surveys. On August 15, Ben Hoskins, Inc., contractors of Great Falls, Montana, were awarded the contract for Section 2 of the Yellowstone Approach road, consisting of 5.071 miles of grading and base

course surfacing, including a steel and concrete bridge over the Snake River. They have started bringing in equipment for the job and plan to pour the concrete bridge abutments for the bridge this fall. He also plans to start clearing operations at once.

Construction of project 1-D1, D-3, Bituminous Surfacing, Old Faithful to Isa Lake, under contractor, McLaughlin, Inc., has progressed very good despite considerable wet weather. All but approximately 3,000 feet of the bituminous mat near the Isa Lake end has been placed. Most of the fine grading and slope widening have been completed.

General Publicity. The regular weekly Yellowstone News Letters have been issued throughout the month for distribution among the Park employees, officials of the concessions and the Director and Regional Director's Offices.

A press release on travel was sent out on August 1, and on the 2nd the comparative travel figures for the month of July were mailed.

The first supply of 1947 folders, 2,000 copies, was received on August 5, which lasted for less than a day. A second shipment of 12,800 broadsides was received by freight on August 21 and on August 26 an additional 4,250 was received.

"Yellowstone Nature Notes" issued on August 19.

The services of Reuben M. Benson, publicity director for the 1947 season, were terminated on August 31.

Complaints. A total of 22 written complaints were received in the Superintendent's Office during the month of August. Seventeen complaints were made against the Yellowstone Park concessioners, while five letters complained of road conditions, camping facilities at the public campgrounds, insufficient accommodations, and a discourteous ranger at one of the gateways. The complaints registered against the concessioners had to do with unsanitary conditions at Old Faithful Camp, charges and rates for accommodations and tours, the quality of food and of dispensing practices, campground conditions, boats unsafe for Yellowstone Lake, difficulty in obtaining reservations, filling station incidents, condition of the silver and dishes used in the Park, gasoline rates, reckless driving on the part of a Yellowstone Park Company bus driver, the handling of baggage, and one complaint with regard to conditions which tend to retard improvement. All of the above complaints were answered by letter from the Office of the Superintendent after investigation of operations in the Park.

Maintenance. Record breaking traffic continued throughout the month and, together with several heavy rains, caused serious damage to our road surfaces. Some of the later plant mix surfaces have been breaking up. Heavy patching is required on about five miles of the Tower Falls to Canyon section; also about the same amount on the South Entrance to Lewis Lake section and on about one-half mile of the Lake to East Entrance road near Squaw Lake. All of these roads are plant mix with chip surface and have been laid during the last ten years.

A large resealing program would save many of our roads and also reduce the continual patching operations required of our maintenance forces,

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Construction of project I-Dl, D-3, Yellowstone Junction, Old Faithful to Ice Lake, under contractor, McLaughlin, Inc., has progressed very good despite considerable wet weather. All but approximately 3,000 feet of the Yellowstone out near the Ice Lake and has been planed. Most of the fine grading and slope widening have been completed.

General Publicity. The regular weekly bulletins were issued [illegible] of the concessions and the director and general director's offices.

A press release on travel was sent out on August 1, and on the 2nd the comparative travel figures for the month of July were added.

The Park supply at Jackson Junction, [illegible], was [illegible] value learned for last week's [illegible]. A second [illegible] received.

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The services of Louise [illegible], publicity director for the 1937 season, were terminated on August 31.

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Entrances. [illegible] and, [illegible] several [illegible] road, [illegible] entrances. Some of the [illegible] plant the entrance here [illegible] [illegible] is [illegible] Fort [illegible] also [illegible] as the [illegible] on which one-half mile of the [illegible] all of these roads are plant [illegible] the last two years.

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thus freeing them for much other needed work [illegible], such as ditch cleaning and shoulder rebuilding, etc.

A hot spot developed in the center of the Mammoth section in August. Jackson road about 1½ miles east of Gardiner. [illegible] break with a heavy concrete slab.

Five and one-fourth miles of the West Yellowstone road have been repaved and sealing operations on this section are nearly completed. This eliminated a very rough section on the west entrance road.

Approximately five miles of the Gallatin section have been repaved and is being sealed. This road is in fair shape. The south approach road is rough. We are concentrating some of our equipment on this section in order to have some of the most serious sections repaired before winter comes.

The Red Lodge to Cooke road has a section of about 12 miles which has broken up quite seriously. We are concentrating our repairs on this section. Fifteen miles of this road, beginning about ten miles west of Cooke and extending east to the Montana line, is in fairly good condition, but in need of a new seal coat. The 15 miles plant mix on the west end of the road has stood up exceptionally well, but is also in need of a new seal coat.

Guard rail was replaced at Beryl Springs, Gallatin Junction and Cascade Point rails. Periodic repairs were made to the wooden stairs and platforms in the Canyon area.

The walk at Emerald pool was completed, approximately 200 feet. Approximately 600 feet of walk was placed at the Fountain Paint Pots area.

Many of our laborers were from high schools and colleges and at the end of the month road crews were only half manned. It was necessary to close out two camps, the camp at Tattler Junction and at Gallatin Junction. Shortage of equipment is still our most serious handicap.

Conservation. The Lamar Junction trail was closed from August 5 to August 15, inclusive, due to a polio scare in the park. Several of the park employees' children were taken to the hospital in Billings for consultation for polio.

Interpretive Services. The Junior Nature Program which has been a part of the program at the headquarters museum was discontinued on August 23. The number of children participating in this program had dropped to such a point that it was not deemed desirable to utilize the time of a seasonal part ranger naturalist on such work. During the 22 day period in August there were 12 days on which there was a sufficient number of children present to justify such an activity.

The portable public address unit which was added to the equipment has served a very useful purpose in the presentation of ranger talks at the eruption of Old Faithful and to groups congregated at the Grotto and Daisy Geysers.

Museum Activities and Exhibits. Mr. [illegible], an Indian Ranger from Ruby, Montana, left with us a very fine specimen of Chippewa Indian headdress which was in turn given to the Upper [illegible] National Museum for accessioning as an artifact of [illegible].

An Indian arrowhead was found on the [illegible] and [illegible] the museum and has been accessioned as part of the [illegible].

Research and Observations. Jack Willis has continued his research work on the ecology of the moose in the [illegible] area. He has been making a number of very interesting observations, plotted, and has delivered valuable information on yellow brownie studies.

Dr. Robert O. Bailey of the University of [illegible] was assisted in research work in the thermal areas in an attempt to determine what information about brown elements.

Dr. George H. Stanley of the University of Michigan has been doing work on the lake levels and old shore lines on Lake Yellowstone. He anticipated carrying this work on through the month of September.

Two collecting permits were issued during the month, one for museum specimens, the other for entomological specimens.

The thermal phenomena in the Upper and Lower Geyser Basins continued to be of great interest because of the constant interjection of changes which are unexpected. The Giantess Geyser has not erupted during the month but the Vault which is associated with the Giantess has been erupting with considerable regularity and at the close of the month had actually started away the asphalt walk which passed near it. It is thought that the dissipation of energy by the eruption of the Vault has influenced the possibilities of an eruption by the Giantess Geyser.

The Grand Geyser continues to provide the best spectacular of the thermal areas in the geyser basins. Thousands of people have viewed eating it during August. It has continued erupting on an interval of approximately 12 hours and on numerous occasions two eruptions have been observed in one daylight period.

The Castle Geyser which for years has been relatively inactive at the close of the month of August had erupted five times in a period of 12 hours. Some of these eruptions gave evidence of having been stimulated by rain.

The most unusual of all the geyser eruptions in the Upper Geyser Basin have been those eruptions occurring in the Lizzie and Big Bob Geysers. In the 1911's when Dr. Penner visited Yellowstone an attempt was made to induce an eruption from the Big Bob Geyser and from the Lizzie Geyser and at that time although all of the means by which an eruption might be stimulated were used, it was impossible to get these geysers to play. During August these geysers have erupted several times.

In the Lower Geyser Basin Fountain Geyser, the Twenties Pool, and the Clepsydra Geyser have been erupting with considerable regularity and although the opportunity has not presented itself to make a detailed observation of this eruptive cycle so that the interval between eruptions can be [illegible]

with some degree of accuracy, it is known that they have erupted very close during August. Their eruptive cycle has been following for some years. This is a spouter-type eruption from the Fountain Geyser followed within a few hours by a violent eruption of Steamboat Geyser which is then followed by an eruption of the Fountain Geyser. This cycle has repeated itself several times during the month of August.

Increase and Decrease in Travel.

Daily

Period	1947	1946	1947 Increase over 1946	Percentage increase
August Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
August Daily average	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Season Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Monthly

Period	1947	1946	1947 Increase over 1946	Percentage increase
August Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
August Daily average	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Season Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Visitors. Senator Milton R. Young of North Dakota came into the park August 5. On August 5 Congressman Richard J. Gibson of Ohio entered the park via the South Gate, while Congressman John J. Allen, Jr. of California entered via the North Gate. Helen A. Bockstiegel and family entered on August 1; departed via South Gate August 5.

On August 7, Senator Henry C. Dworshak of Idaho came in the Northeast Gate. R. E. Shelley, Editor, Washington Evening Star, Washington, D. C., came in the Park Gate August 6; departed via North Gate August 10. Louis Deschler, Parliamentarian, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C., in August 7.

Brigadier General E. E. Thomas in Park August 10, and Senator Glen H. Taylor of Idaho in same day. Professor Daniel Flagg Smith, Graduate Faculty of Yale, entered the park August 11. Agustin Trujillo, Ambassador from Panama, came into the park August 13, and Congressman Charles A. Plitchard of California entered August 13. On August 15 Congressman Jay Lefevre of New York in Park. Robert Armstrong, Washington correspondent for the St. Louis Globe Democrat, and Yellowstone seasonal ranger in 1925, came into the park August 16.

Congressman Fred C. Crawford of Michigan entered South Gate August 16. On August 21 Congressman Karl E. Mundt of Nebraska entered the East Gate. Governor Herbert B. Maw of Utah in Park August 21. Dale Carnegie, noted lecturer and author, in August 27; also Dr. Adolfo Dorfman of Argentina, Chief, Economic Development Section, United Nations.

Dr. A. E. Seaman, Director, Michigan Institute of Fisheries Research, and former official of the Bureau of Fisheries, in August [illegible]; Major Hilbert Stuart, Military Attache, Union of South Africa, in Park August [illegible]. Congressman John Rankin of Idaho and Charles E. Russell of Nevada, in Park August 27; out Northeast Gate. Congressman John Phillips of California in Park, out Park August 29.

Ranger Service. The protection division continued performing the general duties of the park, carrying out law enforcement, enforcing park rules and regulations, investigating and preparing reports on all other minor accidents, searching for lost persons and the bodies of drowned persons in the park, and supplying information and assistance to the largest number of people that ever visited the park in August.

Investigation of 50 reported violations, including 13 cases of theft, investigation of 21 motor vehicle accidents, attempting to locate 8 persons wanted in connection with emergencies at home, conducting 4 prosecutions, [illegible] and preparing reports required by authorities [illegible] the rangers.

Four patrol cars were in operation all night to enforce park regulations and for general protection and inspection purposes.

A total of 14,500 broadsides were received during the latter part of the month, but this number lasted but a few days.

Police Protection. A total of 35 cases were brought before the U. S. Commissioner for trial during August. Of this number, twenty three were for violations of the speed regulations, seven for reckless driving, one for [illegible] public property, two for disorderly conduct, two for parking off designated roads or parking areas and one for [illegible].

Fines totaling $1,400 were collected. Four jail sentences, one for 2 hours and two for sixty days were imposed. One case was transferred to the U. S. District Court in Cheyenne, pending for disposition.

Wildlife and Plant Culture Activities. Off-road flights are being made in cooperation with the Montana Wildlife Conservation Division to transport 150 to 200 antelope this winter in the Ekalaka Crest area. These antelope will be allotted to the State of Montana for transplanting in various sections of the state.

Bears. Black bears, particularly members of small cubs, have afforded great attraction to park visitors this season. They have been numerous around most of the park roads and have been responsible for considerable traffic jams.

Thirty-four visitors have been reported as being injured by bears, or .[illegible] percent of total park travel (9,[illegible]). This proportion of injury is slightly higher than in 1952 but is well below the 10-year average of .[illegible] percent. Only one person out of every 26,[illegible] visitors has been reported injured by bears, as compared to the 10-year average of one person out of every 7,[illegible]. Most injuries have been of a minor origin, although some required medical attention and a few brief hospitalization. Most of the injuries occurred in connection with picture-taking activities. In instances where "others," not the victim, were reported as feeding the bears.

Total reported property damages from bears this season to date are [illegible]. Five attributed to black bears and one to a grizzly.

Five black bears have been killed in accidents or because of injuries sustained and one has been killed for control purposes.

A bear census was completed during the early part of the month. Results of the count are being compiled by the park Biologist.

One male grizzly bear, about four years old, was shot and killed on August 23 by the Yellowstone Park Ranger, Yellowstone, Montana, in self a bear pending report. This grizzly weighed 600 pounds.

BUFFALO. Requests for live buffalo which cannot be qualify for removal now total 45 animals. Twenty-five of these have been requested by the State of Wyoming for stocking Thermopolis and Jackson hole herds.

Shots and squeeze facilities at the Lamar Buffalo Ranch for handling buffalo reduction have become unserviceable and extensive repairs are being made in readiness for the coming winter operations.

ELK. On August 17 a meeting of the Upper Gallatin Conservation Committee was held at Bozeman Ranger Station in the Gallatin National Forest. At this meeting a minimum elk reduction goal of 3.0 head was set this year. Reduction as necessary to bring the Gallatin elk herd down to 1000 animals. Execution of this plan is to be the responsibility of the Montana Fish and Game Commission and Wildlife Conservation of Montana will be on the ground prior to, during and following the hunting season to make correct determination of herd size.

The annual fall meeting of the Absaroka Conservation Committee, at which matters pertaining to management of the Northern Yellowstone elk herd will be discussed, has been tentatively set for the weekend of October 1-2.

TRAPPING. A 40 square mile census was conducted during the week of August 20-26, the fish and Wildlife Service conducting a count of the areas at the same time. An airplane count of the Madison area of the park was made with District Ranger Walter L. Kendall as observer. Census results are being compiled and tabulated by the park Biologist.

Forest Fire Protection. Lightning protection installations were completed on the Purple Mountain Lookout structure on August 1. This point is equipped with an ultra high frequency radio, and communication through Mt. Holmes has been established.

During the month of August, eight fires were reported; however, only three of these fires were found the rest being false and broken were detected by the suppression crews.

Building Fire Protection. Inspections were made of all concessioners' buildings between the period of August 1-9. Some of the recommendations which had been brought to the attention of the management of the various concessioners' establishments at the time the annual building fire inspection had been corrected. It was found that fire brigades of employees in the larger establishments were fairly well organized but considerable additional training was needed. There has been a noticeable improvement in the conditions existing in the hotels and lodges and other establishments and buildings which are used for the purpose of accommodating park visitors and park employees.

[illegible] and Tick Disease. A [illegible] carcass of what appeared to be across between an [illegible] was recovered in the Falls River [illegible] area. The infestation did not appear to be causing any [illegible] in case of an epidemic [illegible] over a period of years it is probable that a considerable number of [illegible] in this area will be killed. The [illegible] have been brought to the attention of the Bureau of [illegible] and [illegible] and they expect to have a representative of [illegible] in the near future to determine the extent and severity of damage caused by the apparent epidemic.

Accidents. A total of 61 [illegible] accidents were reported during the month and of this number 37 were class "A" and 24 were class "B". Fifty-four persons suffered personal injuries but no fatalities occurred. Two of these injuries were serious but the patients have been discharged from the hospital. Two reversed trucks were involved in accidents but very slight damage occurred to the vehicles and no injuries to the occupants.

On August 1, 1957, Herbert L. Kleine (the [illegible]), [illegible] and R. B. Baldwin, 57, from Denton, Montana, drowned in Yellowstone Lake during a sudden storm which caused their boat to capsize. The body of Mr. Kleine was recovered on August 16 and Mr. Baldwin on August 17.

On August 2, Harold Johns from Las Vegas, Nevada, employed at Old Faithful received second degree burns when he stepped in a [illegible] pool at Old Faithful area.

On August 5, Jerry [illegible], 12, from [illegible], [illegible] and [illegible] Estrada, 24, of Los Angeles, California were drowned in Lewis Lake, during a sudden storm. Their bodies were recovered on August 11.

On August 22, Mr. Carl W. Irvy, 17, Jewell, [illegible], and [illegible], 17, owner of Daily Enterprise, Cody, [illegible], and Jack [illegible], age 11, drowned in Yellowstone Lake when their boat capsized during a sudden storm. Their bodies were recovered on August 23 and 25.

The Associated Press, United Press, and [illegible] were covered about the drownings.

Personnel. The transfer of Harold Brenton to [illegible] Forest National Monument became effective at 1:00 a.m., August 15.

Leonard Johnson, Fiscal Accounting Clerk, GS-5, transferred to the [illegible] Department, Great Falls, Montana, effective August 11.

Miscellaneous. On August 2 a son was born to Sergeant [illegible] and Mrs. [illegible] Kennedy at Idaho Falls, Idaho. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson of Gardiner, Montana, at the Mammoth Hospital on August 11, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn L. Gibbons of Gardiner at the Mammoth Hospital on August 16. On August 19 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] L. Tiemann at the Mammoth Hospital. Mr. Tiemann is the relief night [illegible] for the Mammoth Park Service. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hale at the Mammoth Hospital on August 23. Mr. Hale is employed as a [illegible] Park Service. His wife is the daughter of the Yellowstone Superintendent. On August 28, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney L. Haines at the Mammoth Hospital. Mr. Haines

is an Engineer (Civil) in the park, while Mrs. Haines was formerly the secretary to the Superintendent.

Mr. Theodore Kirkland, 71, father of Mrs. Fred T. Johnston, died in Billings, Montana, on August 3. Frank Joel Chapman, 85, San Jose, California, died at the Mammoth Hospital of a heart attack on August 2. Michael Bruner, 90, of Jersey City, New Jersey, died of a heart attack at the Canyon Hotel on August 21. Arthur N. Burney, Assistant Chief of Development (Engineering) National Park Service, died in Chicago on August 30. Mr. Burney was Engineer in Yellowstone National Park from 1918 to 1927.

Henrietta Bass, hitch-hiker, picked up by tourists, died in the Park Hospital at Mammoth on the evening of August 28. The body was taken to Cody, Wyoming.

A dinner in honor of Hugh Crosson of Gardiner was held at the Park Hotel in Gardiner on the evening of August 26. Mr. Crosson had recently won the national championship in the Grand American Trap Shooting Contest held in Vandalia, Ohio, breaking 99 out of the 100 birds at 22 yards. Some 150 people attended the dinner, including a number from Mammoth, Livingston and Bozeman. Crosson's performance has brought quite a lot of fine publicity to Yellowstone Park's north entrance town and should help to keep Gardiner in the limelight.

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